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Hen Rankin

Albany, N.Y. 12202

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Dear Miss Rankin,

I am venturing at long last to return your precious loan of Miss Florence Rankin's diary. It has excited a great deal of interest, with its picture of a student nearly sixty years ago, ~~and~~ her nature walks.

Several of us have read the whole diary through with much appreciation of the beautiful notes and paintings which according to the Examiner in 1894 called for his special commendation, and placed Miss Rankin at the head of her fellow students in the first class. And now the book is getting known and I am really afraid of having it any longer lest it should be too much borrowed! It is interesting to note that in those early days the students had an exercise book of drawing-paper which they bound themselves in the book-binding class.

The Editor of the "Parents' Review", herself an old student, has asked permission to have copies of two of the walks

which she hopes to print in the "Parents' Review". I have also been able to ~~place~~ ^{find} myself, the date of the visit of a distinguished scientist, Professor Geedes (later of Town Planning fame in India), to the library.

With grateful thanks from many of us for this most precious loan.

Yours sincerely,

E. Kitching

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FLORENCE RANKIN 1894

These are the N.N.B's mentioned in 'The
Story of Charlotte Mason (see pages 38 - 39)

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first one is fragile. Keep it on the
table.